

American Fork

city scoop

SAFETY WEEK IN AF



October 8-12 is national safety week and the Fire & Rescue Department is playing their part with contests, assemblies and an open house.

OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, Oct 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. the fire station will be holding an Safety Open House. Stop on by and take a tour of the station, see the new fire truck and grab some snacks while learning about things you can do to improve safety in your home. Best of all, during this time the firefighters will be giving out CO/smoke detectors, bike helmets, car seats, fidget spinners and hyper balls! Come and enjoy. They will also be handing out special American Fork City Family Emergency Preparedness Guidebooks.

ASSEMBLIES & CONTEST

The Fire department will be visiting all the 2nd grade students on Oct 3rd to go over the coloring contest and the winners from each school.

As part of safety week the Fire department will also be holding safety assemblies for all the elementary schools in AF. And shortly after the Safety Open House they will visit all these schools again to go over the home safety check sheet with all the 5th graders in AF.

NEW TRUCK

The Fire department would also like to thank the community for the purchase of a new fire truck, replacing their old Mack 1987 fire engine that has been in service for over 30 years. Their new fire engine can respond to both fire suppression and medical emergency calls and is equipped to handle technical rescues like car accidents, trench rescue, confined space rescue, and water/ice rescues. This will help us deliver premier emergency services to our residents and business owners. Thanks again.



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CONTACTS

OFFICE NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATION	801-763-3000
PUBLIC WORKS	801-763-3060
LIBRARY	801-763-3070
FITNESS CENTER	801-763-3080

NON-EMERGENCY

POLICE	801-763-3020
FIRE & RESCUE	801-763-3045

UTILITIES-ON-CALL LINES

WATER/PRESSURIZED	801-404-1253
SEWER/STORM DRAIN	801-404-7167
STREETS	801-404-1255
GARBAGE	801-924-8500
STREET LIGHTS	800-814-4311

You can also report a concern on the City website

PRESSURIZED
IRRIGATION
shuts off
Oct 15

HALLOWEEN

On Main



The American Fork Chamber of Commerce & Businesses in American Fork City love to get into the Halloween spirit. For over 10 years they have worked together to create a fun, safe Trick or Treat route right on Main St.

This year the event will be on Oct. 31 and will run from 3:30—5:30 p.m. The route will go along Main St. from 100 East to Doug Smith (by the Olive Garden) The route will include over 100 businesses.

For more details please call the AF Chamber of Commerce at 801-756-5110.



HEALTH FAIR FOR SENIORS

Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) is hosting a Senior Health & Wellness Fair in October for all senior citizens and their caregivers in Utah County on Thursday, Oct 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Provo Recreation Center at 320 W 500 N in Provo.

There will be a light breakfast and lunch serviced. While there you can obtain a free health screenings and adult immunizations. There will also be a shred truck to dispose of important documents and door prizes for those who attend.

For more information please call 801-229-3804 or visit www.mountainland.org/health

TALK SHOP WITH A COP

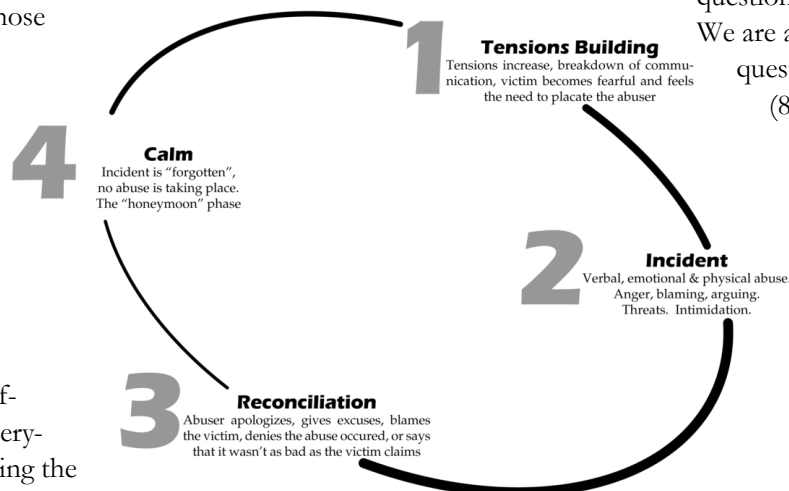
The American Fork Police Department has one full-time victim advocate and several volunteer/part-time advocates. The Advocate's role is to help those who are experiencing domestic violence find resources and to receive help and support through the court process. The Victim Advocate can help explain the court process, help find resources and help those who qualify obtain a protective order.

You do not need to wait until you have been harmed by domestic violence to contact an officer or the Victim Advocate to ask questions and get help. These type of incidents often escalate and it is in everyone's best interest, including the

victim's, the offender and the children, to get help and intervention early.

Those involved with domestic violence usually experience a cycle of violence that includes the following steps.

Cycle of Abuse



The Victim Advocate also helps individuals who qualify for victim reparations through the State of Utah. This can include those who are victims of domestic violence, child abuse and other violent crimes.

As a police department, we encourage you to contact an officer if you have questions about these types of events. We are always willing to answer your questions. You can reach us at (801) 763-3020 or e-mail us at policetalkshop@afc.city.net.

BREAK THE CYCLE

KNOW THE CODE: SIDEWALKS



TITLE: STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

[Title 12](#) of the City Municipal Code deals with streets and sidewalks.

SIDEWALKS

“It is unlawful for any property owner within the city to maintain upon their property any obstruction which constitutes a hazard to [...] pedestrians upon city sidewalks.” Sec 12.12.010 & 12.12.020

Sec. 12.16.030 and 12.16.050 talks

about tree trimming, stating sidewalks should have a clearance

of seven feet from the ground to the lowest branch. These codes also state it’s the responsibility of the owner to trim and maintain trees, while still giving the city the right to “plant, prune, maintain, and remove trees or bushes” to ensure public safety.

The cleaning of sidewalks is further defined in Sec. 12.12.060—12.12.090, where it requires the property owner to keep sidewalks “clean of all weeds, ice, snow or rubbish,” as well as any objects, goods, or merchandise that may

impede clear passageway.

FUNNY CODE

As is often the case, some codes can date themselves. This is the case in section 12.12.050, where it states that “it is unlawful for any person to obstruct any sidewalk or street by playing games thereon, including such games as the game of ball, quoits, marbles, jumping, rolling of hoops, flying of kites, or coasting.” We’ll save you some time by telling you that Quoits is an older game similar to ring toss or horseshoes.

For questions regarding sidewalk issues you may contact the City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-763-3020.

SIDEWALK OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE

A lot more goes into sidewalks than just concrete. The cross section below shows the relationship between the City and a property owner when it comes to the sidewalk and park strip. While the City owns the park strip and sidewalk, maintenance rights are given to the property owner so they can landscape these elements to match their property. They are also responsible to keep the sidewalks clean and clear. The exception is that the City is responsible to ensure sidewalks are safe by repairing cracks or upheavals as funding is available; though, any additional work or upgrades to a property’s sidewalk are taken care of by the property owner.



PARTS OF PROPERTIES	Street	Curb & Gutter	Park Strip	Sidewalk*	Yard	Yard	Yard	Home
DISTANCE	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	1'	10'	14'	Varies
OWNED BY	City		City		Property Owner		Property Owner	
MAINTAINED BY	City		Property Owner		Property Owner		Property Owner	
NOTES	-		City fixes broken or unsafe sidewalks as funds are available. Property owner handles upgrades and snow removal.		City has utility easement rights.		-	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	Location	Details
Oct 1-Oct 13	Library Storybook Pumpkin Decorating Contest	American Fork Library	No carved pumpkins. See rules on Library's website.
Oct 1, 4 p.m.	Pageturners Sr. Book Club	American Fork Library	Discuss favorite books. Ages 9+. Contact Library for details.
Oct 2, 1 p.m.	Adult Craft Class	American Fork Library	Discuss favorite books. Ages 9+.
Oct 2—Oct 30, 4 p.m.	Code Club	American Fork Library	Tuesdays, ages 8-14. Visit library website to register.
Oct 2, 7 p.m.	Home Buyers Education Class	American Fork Library	Learn the do's and don'ts of buying a home. Contact Library for details.
Oct 4, 4 p.m.	Kids Build It!	American Fork Library	Sponsored by Home Depot; ages 7-11; register at the Library.
Oct 4, 7 p.m.	Teen Thing	American Fork Library	Book Banquet; ages 11-18. Visit library website to register.
Oct 8	Columbus Day	City facilities	Offices will be closed.
Oct 11, 4 p.m.	Lego Club	American Fork Library	Ages 5+. Calling all master builders! Visit library website to register.
Oct 11, 6 p.m.	Fire Safety Open House	American Fork Fire & Rescue	Enjoy snacks, free products, and learn tons of useful information.
Oct 15, 4 p.m.	Pageturners Jr. Book Club	American Fork Library	Discuss favorite books. Ages 6-8. Contact Library for details.
Oct 15, 6 p.m.	Balcony Gallery Artist Reception	American Fork Library	Come see Oct's artist Kimberly Grace. Contact Library for details.
Oct 15, 7 p.m.	Family Night	American Fork Library	Dia de los Muertos celebration.
Oct 18, 4 p.m.	Full STEAM Ahead	American Fork Library	Web Crawlers. Ages 8+.
Oct 18, 7 p.m.	Create Cooking Class	American Fork Library	Sponsored by USU Extension.
Oct 22, 6:30 p.m.	Monday Movie Night	American Fork Library	"Hotel Transylvania." BYO snacks, pajamas, & blankets. Contact Library for details.
Oct 25, 4 p.m.	Teen Harry Potter Book Club	American Fork Library	Discuss "...the Order of the Phoenix." Ages 11-18. Includes craft.
Oct 29, 7 p.m.	Scary Story Contest	American Fork Library	Winning stories announced. Submission deadline is Oct 5 at 5 p.m.
Oct 31, 3 p.m.	Halloween on Main St.	Chamber of Commerce	Enjoy trick or treating with the local businesses. From 100 E to Doug Smith.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays for each month at 7:30 p.m. Details about these, and other city and community events, are also listed on www.afcity.org, Twitter and Facebook.